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Mr. P. C. Gregory, Manager
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SUBJECT: CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE NO. 9279 FOR MODEL NO. HalfPACT
PACKAGE

Dear Mr. Gregory:

As requested by your application dated August 19, 2005, enclosed is Certificate of Compliance No. 9279, Revision No. 4, for Model No. HalfPACT package. The staff's Safety Evaluation Report is also enclosed. Changes made to the enclosed Certificate of Compliance are indicated by vertical lines in the right margin.

The Department of Energy has been registered as the user of the package under the general license provision of 10 CFR §71.17 or 49 CFR §173.471. The approval constitutes authority to use the packages for shipment of radioactive material and for the packages to be shipped in accordance with the provisions of 49 CFR §173.471.

If you have any questions regarding this certificate, please contact me or Meraj Rahimi of my staff at (301) 415-8500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Nelson", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert A. Nelson, Section Chief
Licensing Section
Spent Fuel Project Office
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards

Docket No: 71-9279
TAC No: L23889

Enclosures: 1. Certificate of Compliance
No. 9279, Rev. No. 4
2. Safety Evaluation Report

cc w/encls: R. Boyle, Department of Transportation
J. M. Shuler, Department of Energy
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**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
FOR RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL PACKAGES**

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2. PREAMBLE

- a. This certificate is issued to certify that the package (packaging and contents) described in Item 5 below meets the applicable safety standards set forth in Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 71, "Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material."
- b. This certificate does not relieve the consignor from compliance with any requirement of the regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation or other applicable regulatory agencies, including the government of any country through or into which the package will be transported.

3. THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED ON THE BASIS OF A SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORT OF THE PACKAGE DESIGN OR APPLICATION

a. ISSUED TO (*Name and Address*)

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20586

b. TITLE AND IDENTIFICATION OF REPORT OR APPLICATION

Washington TRU Solutions LLC application dated
October 4, 2004, as supplemented.

4. CONDITIONS

This certificate is conditional upon fulfilling the requirements of 10 CFR Part 71, as applicable, and the conditions specified below.

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(a) Packaging

- (1) Model No.: HalfPACT Waste Shipping Container
- (2) Description

A stainless steel and polyurethane foam insulated shipping container designed to provide double containment for shipment of contact-handled transuranic waste. The packaging consists of an unvented, 1/4-inch thick stainless steel inner containment vessel (ICV), positioned within an outer containment assembly (OCA) consisting of an unvented 1/4-inch thick stainless steel outer containment vessel (OCV), an approximate 8-inch thick layer of polyurethane foam, a 1/4-inch thick layer of ceramic fiber paper and a 1/4 to 3/8-inch thick outer stainless steel shell. The package is a right circular cylinder with outside dimensions of approximately 94 inches diameter and 92 inches height. The package weighs not more than 18,100 pounds when loaded with the maximum allowable contents of 7,600 pounds.

The OCA has a domed lid which is secured to the OCA body with a locking ring. The OCV containment seal is provided by a butyl rubber O-ring. The OCV is equipped with a seal test port and a vent port.

The ICV is a right circular cylinder with domed ends. The outside dimensions of the ICV are approximately 74 inches diameter and 69 inches height. The ICV lid is secured to the ICV body with a locking ring. The ICV containment seal is provided by a butyl rubber O-ring. The ICV is equipped with a seal test port and vent port. Aluminum spacers are placed in the top and bottom domed ends of the ICV during shipping. The cavity available for the contents is a cylinder of approximately 73 inches diameter and 45 inches height.

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5.(a)(3) Drawings

The package is constructed and assembled in accordance with Packaging Technology, Inc., Drawing 707-SAR Sheets 1-12, Rev. 6. The standard pipe overpack is constructed and assembled in accordance with Packaging Technology, Inc. Drawing No. 163-001, Sheets 1-3, Rev. 6. The S100 pipe overpack is constructed and assembled in accordance with Packaging Technology, Inc., Drawing No. 163-002, Sheets 1 and 2, Rev. 4. The S200 pipe overpack is constructed and assembled in accordance with Packaging Technology, Inc., Drawing No. 163-003, Sheets 1 and 2, Rev. 3. The S300 pipe overpack is constructed and assembled in accordance with Packaging Technology, Inc., Drawing No. 163-004, Sheet 1, Rev. 1. The compacted puck-drum spacers needed for the purpose of maintaining subcriticality in 55-, 85-, and 100-gallon drums are constructed and assembled in accordance with Drawing No. 163-006, Rev. 0.

(b) Contents

(1) Type and form of material

Byproduct, source, and special nuclear material in the form of dewatered, solid or solidified materials and wastes. Materials must be packaged in one of the following payload containers: a 55-gallon drum, standard waste box (SWB), 85-gallon drum, standard pipe overpack, S100 pipe overpack, S200 pipe overpack, S300 pipe overpack, or 100-gallon drum. The payload containers are described in Section 2.9, "Payload Container/Assembly Configuration Specifications," of the CH-TRAMPAC, Rev. 2. Explosives, corrosives (pH less than 2 or greater than 12.5), nonradioactive pyrophorics, and compressed gases are prohibited. Within a payload container radioactive pyrophorics must not exceed 1 weight percent by weight and free liquids must not exceed 1 percent by volume. Flammable organics and methane are limited along with hydrogen to ensure the absence of flammable gas mixtures in TRU waste payloads as described in Chapter 5.0 of the CH-TRAMPAC, Rev. 2. For payload configurations with an unvented heat-sealed bag layer, the absence of flammable gas mixtures is ensured as described in Appendix 6.13 of the CH-TRU Payload Appendices, Rev. 1.

(2) Maximum quantity of material per package

The package contents are limited to 7,600 pounds, including the weight of the payload containers and any other components of the payload assembly. The maximum gross weight for a payload container not to exceed the following:

- (i) 328 pounds per 6-inch standard pipe overpack,
- (ii) 547 pounds per 12-inch standard pipe overpack,
- (iii) 550 pounds per S100 pipe overpack,
- (iv) 547 pounds per S200 pipe overpack,
- (v) 547 pounds per S300 pipe overpack,
- (vi) 1,000 pounds per 100-gallon drum,
- (vii) 1,000 pounds per 55-gallon drum,
- (viii) 1,000 pounds per 85-gallon drum, or
- (ix) 4,000 pounds per SWB.

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5.(b)(2) Maximum number of payload containers per package and authorized packaging configurations as follows:

- (i) 7 55-gallon drums,
- (ii) 7 standard pipe overpacks,
- (iii) 7 S100 pipe overpacks,
- (iv) 7 S200 pipe overpacks,
- (v) 7 S300 pipe overpacks,
- (vi) 4 85-gallon drums,
- (vii) 3 100-gallon drums, or
- (viii) 1 SWB.

Fissile material not to exceed the limits specified in CH-TRAMPAC, Rev. 2, Section 3.1, "Nuclear Criticality."

The S100, S200, and S300 pipe overpack payloads shall meet the curie limits specified in CH-TRAMPAC, Rev. 2, Section 3.3, "Activity Limits."

Maximum decay heat per package not to exceed 30 watts. Decay heat per payload container not to exceed the values in Table 5.2-1 of the CH-TRAMPAC, Rev. 2, "List of Approved Alphanumeric Shipping Categories, Maximum Allowable Hydrogen Gas Generation Rates, and Maximum Allowable Wattages," or calculated for approved shipping categories in accordance with the methodology specified in Section 5.2.3 of the CH-TRAMPAC, Rev. 2."

5. (c) Criticality Safety Index: 0.0

6. Physical form, chemical properties, chemical compatibility, configuration of waste containers and contents, isotopic inventory, fissile content, decay heat, weight and center of gravity; and radiation dose rate must be determined and limited in accordance with CH-TRAMPAC, Rev. 2.
7. Each payload container must be assigned to a shipping category in accordance with Section 5.1, "Payload Shipping Category" of CH-TRAMPAC, Rev. 2. Each payload container and payload assembly must not exceed the allowable wattage in accordance with Section 5.2.3, "Hydrogen Gas Generation Rate and Decay Heat Limits for Analytical Category," or must be tested for gas generation in accordance with Section 5.2.5, "Unified Flammable Gas Test Procedure," of CH-TRAMPAC, Rev. 2. For a payload made up of payload containers with different (nonequivalent) shipping categories, the flammability index of each payload container must not exceed 50,000 in accordance with CH-TRAMPAC, Rev. 2, Section 6.2.4, "Mixing of Shipping Categories," and Appendix 2.4 of the CH-TRU Payload Appendices, "Mixing of Shipping Categories and Determination of the Flammability Index."
8. Payload containers within a package shall be selected in accordance with Section 6.0, "Payload Assembly Requirements" of CH-TRAMPAC, Rev. 2.
9. Each payload container must be vented in accordance with Section 2.5, "Filter Vents" of CH-TRAMPAC, Rev. 2. Drums which were not equipped with filtered vents during storage must be aspirated in accordance with Section 5.3, "Venting and Aspiration" of CH-TRAMPAC, Rev. 2.

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10. For close-proximity and controlled shipments meeting the conditions specified in Appendices 3.5 and 3.6, respectively, of CH-TRU Payload Appendices, shipping periods of 20 days and 10 days may be applicable. The shipping period for any mode of transport is not to exceed 60 days. The content code LA 154 and SQ 154 are not authorized for loading and shipment in the HalfPACT packagings.
11. In addition to the requirements of Subpart G of 10 CFR Part 71:
- (a) Each package must be prepared for shipment and operated in accordance with the procedures described in Chapter 7.0, "Operating Procedures," of the application, as supplemented.
 - (b) Each package must be tested and maintained in accordance with the procedures described in Chapter 8.0, "Acceptance Tests and Maintenance Program," of the application, as supplemented.
 - (c) All free standing water must be removed from the inner containment vessel cavity and the outer containment vessel cavity before shipment.
12. The package authorized by this certificate is hereby approved for use under the general license provisions of 10 CFR 71.17.
13. Expiration date: October 31, 2010.
14. Revision No. 3 of this certificate may be used until October 31, 2006.

REFERENCES

Washington TRU Solutions, LLC, October 4, 2004 and March 4, June 8, and August 19, 2005.

FOR THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



Robert A. Nelson, Chief
Licensing Section
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Date: 10/19/05

SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT

Docket No. 71-9279
Model No. HalfPACT
Certificate of Compliance No. 9279
Revision 4

SUMMARY

By application dated August 19, 2005, Washington TRU Solutions LLC, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), requested renewal of Certificate of Compliance No. 9279, for the Model No. HalfPACT package. Washington TRU Solutions did not request any changes to the package design or authorized contents. The certificate has been renewed for a five year term.

EVALUATION

By application dated August 19, 2005, Washington TRU Solutions, on behalf of the DOE, requested renewal of Certificate of Compliance No. 9279, for the Model No. HalfPACT package. Washington TRU Solutions did not request any changes to the package design or authorized contents. The staff reviewed the documents referenced in the certificate and determined that the documentation was available and complete. The staff also reviewed the operating and maintenance procedures for the package and found them to be complete and adequate.

The certificate was revised to include Condition No. 14 which authorizes use of the previous revision of the certificate for a period of approximately one year.

CONCLUSION

The Certificate of Compliance has been renewed for a five year term that expires on October 31, 2010. This change does not affect the ability of the package to meet the requirements of 10 CFR Part 71.

Issued with Certificate of Compliance No. 9279, Revision No. 4,
on October 19, 2005